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BUNDELS OF JOY ALL BUNDLED UP—Braving a chilly morning at Baguio Cathedral—14 degrees Celsius—a young father carrying his bundle of joy attends the first of the nine-day Masses in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ. (Inquirer photo by J. Edgar Reyes)

DOJ OKs 2 kidnap cases vs Palparan; arrest urged

By Juana Añing and TJ Buarque

IT'S A "ray of hope." Prosecutors of the Department of Justice (DOJ) yesterday approved two cases of kidnapping and serious illegal detention against retired Army official Antonio Palparan, II, and three others over the disappearance of University of the Philippines (UP) students shortly

Cadapan and Ramon Espinoza in 2005.

The offense, which carries the penalty of life imprisonment, is punishable.

In an affidavit interview, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima said the alleged arrest operations would be aimed as soon as possible. "It shows that this time, we can expect results of such investigations because witnesses

By Christian V. Esguerra

IS MALACANANG gunning for control of the Senate to ensure the conviction of Chief Justice Renato Corona?

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, the Senate president pro tempore, privately implied as much. He threatened the registered attempts to oust Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, with a month to go before Corona, who was impeached by the House, formally goes on trial for alleged betrayal of public trust and culpable violation of the Constitution.

Enrile, a close ally and party mate of the 87-year-old Enrile, revealed the alleged plot in a speech at a Christmas party that he and his allies hosted for Senate members on Thursday night.

In his own remarks at the party, Enrile himself seemed uncertain about how long he could hold on to the Senate presidency.

"We're all very happy today. It's Christmas once again. I hope we get to spend another Christmas. But I'm not saying that I would reach the next Christmas as president of the Senate," he said.

Enrile told Enrile that they would spend the entire Christmas break training the youngest senator, who is not a lawyer, on



MASS APPEAL Newly installed Archbishop of Manila Luis Tagle says Mass at the Supreme Court in Manila on Friday. At the background is a huge picture of Chief Justice Renato Corona in a tarpaulin. Spokenworders and the high court immediately denied reports that this was the Church's expression of support for the impeached Chief Justice. (Inquirer photo by J. Edgar Reyes)

Tagle says Mass at high court

By Juana Añing

NEWLY INSTALLED Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle celebrated Mass at the Supreme Court's General Conference Building courtyard yesterday morning, but both his allies and the archbishop's spokesperson said the activity was not intended as an expression of support for impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona.

Tagle's celebration of the

Mass was scheduled "long ago," Rev. Fr. Francisco, the archbishop's social communications director, told reporters. "It could not just tell the people to whom he [Corona] is succeeding [that he's succeeding]. That wouldn't be nice. The people might think he [Corona] is because he's siding with President Aquino. Of course, you have to honor your commitment..."

Tagle was alluding to the

Corona wife summoned over funds misuse rap

By Vincent Calabro
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—The wife of impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona has been subpoenaed to appear in a preliminary investigation at the Department of Justice on a complaint alleging she misused the funds of John Hay Management Corp. (JHMC), where she was a former top official.

JHMC is the estate manager of the Camp John Hay Special Recreation Zone and a subsidiary of the now-owned Bases Conversion and Development Authority.

The complaint against Corona's wife, "unauthorized use of public funds" was filed by Frank Devesco, former JHMC official.

Corona, 84

JUDGE FURIOUS OVER P100-M EXTORT STORY

By Juana Añing and TJ Buarque

SUBSIDIZED the judge finds himself in the 800s.

Defendant in mass elections of Chief Justice Antonio Corona said he was the judge, turning a hearing with the electoral watchdog case against him into a full-on airing of bribery allegations against the presiding judge, Justice Muna of the Pinar City Regional Trial Court Branch 112.

Justice, who is charged with two counts of electoral sabotage, yesterday sought to clear his name from the case, claiming the judge

1st ex-French president is found guilty of corruption

PARIS—Shamed former French leader Jacques Chirac was found guilty of corruption and given a suspended jail sentence on Thursday, becoming France's first ex-president to be convicted for his crimes.

The 79-year-old statesman, who was accused from 2002 to 2005 of misusing public funds, was found guilty of influence peddling, breach of trust and embezzlement between 1995 and 1999, when as mayor of Paris he employed ghost workers.

In their ruling, the judges said Chirac's criminal conduct had cost France taxpayers the equivalent of 1.4 million euros (\$1.6 million).

Chirac's lawyer had argued the

PH killer pix tops Time's best viral shots

By Tanya Quinsanda

IT'S TIME's chilling shot of an amateur photographer that won the world's shakiest "shaky" picture.

The last photo taken by Calaveras City resident Reynaldo Daga of his family—which by a stroke of chance also captured the moment when a gun at Daga's—was selected by photo editors of the prestigious TIME magazine as among the world's "best viral photos" of 2011.

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TIME LightBox

TIME Picks the Best Viral Photos of 2011

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE Seconds after taking the picture of his smiling family outside his home in Calaveras City in the early hours of New Year's Day, cousin Reynaldo Daga lay dead of a gunshot wound. The police did not have to look far for evidence of the killer's identity. This Inquirer published the photo on its front page and it quickly went viral on the Web.

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Alcala: PH to export rice in four years

By Kristine L. Rose

THE PHILIPPINES, the world's top rice importer in 2010, will become a rice exporter in a span of four years.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Alcala declared this ambitious goal, saying the Philippines was on its way of becoming a rice exporter by 2014.

Alcala said that transforming the Philippines into a rice seller in the world market was the second part of the Department of Agriculture's (DA) goal under the Aquino administration once the country becomes self-sufficient in rice.

He said the country was on track to meet this goal. After this has been achieved, the Philippines would then sell rice to other countries in the region, he added.

"After 2012, we will be self-sufficient. By 2014, we should not import anymore. We should start exporting. That's another reason why we are working hard now," Alcala said in an interview.

When he assumed office in 2010, President Aquino declared they ensuring enough supply of rice, the Philippines' number one staple, and stopping the corruption-fueled and expensive rice importation program were his major and most urgent tasks.

Last month, Alcala said he was confident the Philippines would become a rice

exporter within four years.

The DA goal to transform the Philippines into a rice exporter is an ambitious plan considering that the country has been the world's top rice importer.

In 2010, the Philippines bought 2.4 million metric tons of rice from various Asian countries, pushing up the price of the staple in the world market.

The DA has drastically cut the country's importation volume while working to boost rice production. For this year, the National Food Authority's importation requirement was only at 800,000 MT. This was far below last year's 1.5 million MT for 2012.

Meanwhile, the DA expects the national paddy yield to reach 7.5-8.5 million MT in 2011, 5.7 percent higher than the 2010 output of 15.77 million MT.

For next year, the DA is targeting to increase the harvest to 16.7 million MT.

Alcala said the Philippines plans to plant and sell the 400,000 short tons rice varieties that are commonly eaten in South Korea and Japan.

As part of that goal, Alcala said the DA was studying various rice seeds that Filipino farmers could plant for export.

He also noted that South Korea was contributing with the DA on the production of short grain rice. Alcala said the DA was studying various rice seeds that Filipino farmers could plant for export.



ALCALA

though South Korea has enough rice to feed its population, Alcala said he government expects demand to increase in four years.

"I think even Korea and rice that we will meet our sufficiency goals," Alcala said.

Alcala also noted that the DA would expand and open new rice areas, about half of the DA's budget in 2012 was allocated to increase rice yields before to use more technology and increase farm cropings.

The DA chief said the Philippines was expected to harvest 16.7 million MT of rice in 2012, slightly lower than the original projection of 17.2 million MT.

Despite the adjustment, Alcala said the figure was within the demand range.

"In our first evaluation of our food import sufficiency program, it sufficiency, that this is the right amount, this target," he explained.

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The Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines has clearly defined the powers of the three co-equal branches of government, and the power to interpret and apply the law is vested in one Supreme Court and such other courts as may be created by law.

The Supreme Court, as with the appellate and trial courts, is peopled by men and women who have chosen public service as their mission, and who have sworn to uphold the public trust. In their judicial actions, they are the servants of right and the servants of justice. For the same reasons, they answer directly to the citizenry through the institutional mechanisms and modes of relief that are accessible to all.

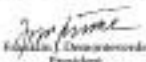
Public perception of judicial independence and efficiency is inextricably linked with the stability of any country's economic development. A weak judicial system equates to lack of confidence that contractual obligations will be honored and timely needed capital investments will be protected. A nation's rule of law regime is only as strong as its courts and its judiciary.

Although members of the bench are public figures who must accept that they are legitimate objects of public commentary and scrutiny, there is a limitation even to the fundamental right to free speech.

The events contained negative depictions of the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices in a manner of gross national concern. The posture to impugn is one of the necessary checks that restrain the behavior among the three branches of our national government. Wielded abhorsely and oppressively, this power can and will destroy the substance of the constitutional framework of the rule of law. The unprecedented campaign against the Chief Justice sends a chilling message to the entire judiciary: one that lies in ruin.

Poor public trust in a reformed judiciary is perpetuated through the on- or off-court challenges to the Supreme Court's powers and actions and the learner-driven focus on personalities, rather than on issues. People who are not educated in the law and who erroneously focus on the personal lives of the Justices, are misled by public dissemination of the alleged irregularities in decisions of the High Court which, under our civil law, are part of the law of our land in binding precedents. The end result is a danger to the Judiciary. When people can no longer rely on the judicial institutions for redress of grievances, they will take the law into their own hands. Anarchy and chaos will then reign.

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S&P raises debt outlook of PH to positive

By Michelle K. Romo

MANILA — Fitch's yesterday raised the outlook on the Philippines' sovereign debt from "stable" to "positive," thus boosting the country's chances of getting a credit rating upgrade next year.

A "positive" outlook means the rating credit rating may be upgraded within the short term if existing credit fundamentals are sustained or even improved.

But S&P maintained its rating on the country's foreign-currency long-term debt at "BB," which is two notches below investment grade. Its rating on the country's foreign-currency short-term debt was also maintained at "B," which is three notches below investment grade.

On the country's peso-denominated long-term debt, the S&P credit rating stands at "BB+" — a notch below investment grade, and "B" for short-term.

"We expect the outlook to continue to reflect our assessment that the Philippines' external solvability has diminished," S&P credit analyst Agnes Bernal said in a statement.

"We expect further rating improvements to be most likely driven by improvements in fiscal and debt credit metrics," Bernal added.

Longer-term at Philips (S&P-Governance Research Group) also welcomed the improved outlook by S&P.

"The outlook upgrade brings us a step closer to where the market has been pricing our external

debt at in relation to its credit default swaps. The recognition of our diminished external solvability because of our over-indebted and liquidity position is well-placed," Bernal said.

"The ratings outlook based on material progress in achieving a sustainable structural reform improvement in the strengthening of the public finance system, yielding reduced fiscal vulnerability," Bernal said.

However, Bernal said the country might miss its chance of getting a credit rating upgrade if it remains liquidity and fiscal indicators deteriorate.

He noted that the Philippines will lead relatively into credit and large debts, even as its interest burden rose even today.

"Conversely, the ratings could

stabilize at the current level or even under downward pressure in the event of a weakened commitment to fiscal consolidation," he said, which would force the government to take on more debt.

The other potential trigger for a credit downgrade would be if its foreign exchange reserves deteriorate significantly, S&P added.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima Montano welcomed the outlook upgrade while stressing his belief that the country was undergoing "credit-consolidation."

"Given the adjustment that S&P affords, the Philippines' strength and the present global environment, thanks to the efforts the President Aquino ad-

ministration has continued in the past 10 months since it took over."

As Aquino came to office last year, during which time ratings downgrades were made for positive action on the Philippines' creditworthiness, Purisima said.

"We hope that the outlook improvement will translate into a much-desired credit rating upgrade sooner rather than later."

The improvement in the outlook came amid the push of the Philippines government for better credit ratings by the Philippines.

Monday's bond buyers' sell-off said indicators point to the country's improving creditworthiness.

This lifted the country's rating agency of foreign investors, the improving credit rating, and de-

clining budget deficit, among others.

According to the IMF, the country's total reserves of foreign exchange stood at a record high of about \$75 billion, or roughly

half to two-thirds of imports and one or two times the country's foreign currency-denominated debt, including with-

in the short term.

Based on international trends, bonds, foreign exchange reserves at least have months of imports on a minimum comfort level.

Moreover, the national government's budget deficit stood at only P74.25 billion in January to October, down by nearly 75 percent from P279 billion in the same period last year. With a re-

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NPAs kill 5 soldiers after gov't truce



HEATING looking for the Christmas spirit may see this in Paskuhan Village. A planned house, designed to look like a Christmas house if viewed from the air, is empty at the park.

BUTUAN CITY—At least five soldiers were killed and two others were wounded in an attack by communist rebels in Tanding, Sarangani del Sur, yesterday, barely a few hours after a unilateral truce declared by the government took effect.

Maj. Eugene Julio Oates IV, spokesman of the army's 8th Infantry Division based in Cotabato City, said a remote team of soldiers under the 86th Infantry Battalion was mounting a military outpost in Tanding when rebels on board an army 33 truck ambushed them at 5 a.m. on Friday.

Oates said the soldiers died in the off the attack but were overpowered and outnumbered by the rebels.

The outpost was subsequently overrun.

The soldiers were armed with M16 rifles, five M16 rifles, a G2 assault automatic weapon, an M203 grenade launcher and a heavy machine gun.

The military has withheld the names of the soldiers until their respective families have been informed.

The rebels belonged to the Communist Organization for Peace and Development (COPED).

Oates lauded the rebel group for taking advantage of the 15-day unilateral declaration of ceasefire.

But with what had happened this morning, the whole Filipino nation can see the true color of these rebels, they stated.

They said the rebels' actions had been brought to the 31. Peter Francisco from in Tanding City. These rebels were brought in Sarangani del Sur Provincial Hospital.

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Paskuhan Village, a park bereft of joy

By Tereza-Cruz

Reported from Manila

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO—There's little about a park named Christmas that still brings comfort associated with the holidays.

Paskuhan (Christmas) Village in Manila has been a holiday haven, except for its name. But would under a visit to the park feel like Christmas?

Not the star-shaped roof of the playhouse but the 10-story tower of Santa, Mary and Joseph is a holiday scene. Lanterns have been set up around the park, and the main entrance, Christmas story scene.

For the year, giant in cards are likely to be at the center of the 20-year-old, 8.5-hectare park in this San Francisco Bay area, a project of the San Francisco County Agency.

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It could have made Paskuhan a unique holiday destination in Asia. Sadly, it's not.

Roos, 40, Paskuhan's 1991 organizer,

changes in administration and the rise of shopping malls had soured the death toll for the park, Myra said.

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Claver, rights lawyer; 75

MANILA CITY—Constitutional activist and attorney on Wednesday resumed work on his long fight for indigenous rights in the Philippines.

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An unwitting advocate of HIV prevention

By Hazel P. Villal
Bacolod City

HAS slowed down his fast-paced lifestyle after he was found positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), but Domingo senior Wenggo Gallaga noticed something since his affliction was discovered.

There is not much difference between persons with disabilities and those with HIV, he said, both go through the same challenges and problems.

Gallaga closed himself to getting an education where both the disabled and the HIV-positive state adjust to certain restrictions that affect their social and ability to learn.

Both also have to observe the stigma that comes with how people look at them and their situation, he added.

But, Gallaga said, persons with disabilities and with HIV are neither those who are in hopeless situations.

"One way lives, persons with disabilities and people with health problems give people encouragement to continue living because if we can do it, anybody can," he said as indicator of international development workers at the 3rd Asia-Pacific CBR (Community-Based Rehabilitation) Congress on Nov. 29 in Manila.

Gallaga is the president of the children of disabled, 35th, Officer Pagan Gallaga. Openly gay, he was diagnosed with HIV in August 2008. By December of that year, he was public.

Sarah Jane

He then became an unwitting advocate of HIV prevention—11 years after the fact, as, as worker Sarah Jane Salazar, died at the age of 25 from multiple viral, fungal and bacterial infections after his diagnosis was revealed by AIDS.

Gallaga said he received support when he decided to go public. "I expected that when I come out, in the last three years, I haven't heard a bad word said about me, but everyone is like this," he said.

Still, Gallaga believed that many others



12/20/2011 writer Wenggo Gallaga (center) is living life unconcernedly as a new HIV prevention advocate.

should be freed from myths related to HIV/AIDS. For one, there is the misconception that only sex workers get HIV/AIDS, especially that Salazar was the last high-profile HIV victim.

"I am young and active. If I could get it, HIV means, when people can get it," Gallaga said.

He stressed the need to getting tested for HIV. "There is still the stigma. People don't want to take an HIV test because they don't want to know," he said.

Data from the Department of Health (DOH) posted on its website showed that September this year had the highest recorded rates of HIV/AIDS, at 253, where the Philippines began tracking the disease in 1984. The disease has become the cause of young Filipinos, especially those between 15 and 24 years old.

The Philippine HIV and AIDS Registry showed this year out of 20 HIV-positive at present were males, unlike in the period from 1984 to 1990 when six out of 10 HIV-positive were females.

From 1987 to September 2011, the Philippines recorded 3,454 HIV cases. Of the numbers, 152 were in Western Visayas, with the highest number reported in Iloilo.

170; and Negros Occidental 109.

Dr. Marlyn Comarac, assistant regional health director in Western Visayas, said the numbers could even be higher because some cases remained unreported.

Stigma

In his talk at the 2nd Asia-Pacific CBR Congress, Gallaga acknowledged that having HIV was "stigmatizing," unless it is known that he was HIV-positive, he said he thought he was doomed.

He noted on the same remarks and International Day of Aids in Manila, he said he was living with the virus for 20 years.

"People will think that having HIV is a death sentence. It is difficult but it's not the end of everything," said Gallaga, who gives regular treatment at the Philippine General Hospital.

In Western Visayas, persons with HIV seek medical assistance at Western Visayas Medical Center in Iloilo City and Cebu City. Cebu's Medical Center in Cebu City.

Comarac stressed that the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS had stopped

people from seeking help.

If found positive, persons with HIV would be given ARV or antiretroviral treatment, a "cocktail of drugs" that stops or slows down the progression of HIV into AIDS and that prolongs an HIV-positive person's life.

PhilHealth aid

Dr. Eduardo Rosales, PhilHealth president and chief executive officer, said in a statement that his agency had an OncoCare HIV/AIDS Treatment Package, which provides "substantial assistance for annual retroviral treatment under the case payment scheme."

PhilHealth will also provide support for HIV treatment, if necessary.

Now living with his parents in Pasad, Gallaga, who was raised in Manila, has slowed down from his previous life of smoking, partying and somewhat work as can strengthen his immune system.

During parties come up to him after his talk, attendees for medical assistance that he provided, he said, as HIV prevention advocate and a way of life as it is living with the virus consciously.

Child discipline tackled in Cebu City read-along

By Giv Ebert-B. Liao
Cebu City

IF YOU must punish your children, speak them with love and care.

This has been the philosophy of Antonio Pantoja (not the senator), 40, in raising his three daughters for the past 12 years in a single mother.

"Your children won't get anything if you speak them too hard. It is better that you talk to them, discuss issues with them. But if you can't stop the spanking, be sure to speak with them with love and care," Pantoja, who works as a kindergarten in a kindergarten building, said in Cebuana.

At the same time, she said the children should also respect their parents and say sorry whenever they commit mistakes.

Pantoja shared the games of advice in follow parents in a special read-along session organized by the Inquirer and Pinak, Inc. at the National Book Center in Cebu City.

The session, facilitated by the award-winning and award-winning of discipline children.

Positive discipline

Pantoja has undergone training on positive discipline of children awarded by Pinak International, Pinak International and Libat Pinak.

She shared the stage with talk show host and Pinak endorser, My Amanda, who read the "Story of Mimi" in 70 children from Bantay Community School and Talibon National Day Center.

The story was about a beautiful young girl named Mimi who did not listen to her dad one afternoon for fear of getting spanked. But the girl ended up being spanked by a friend who wanted to "teach her a lesson."

The story's daughter, however, named Mimi, the girl was able to go home and was spanked by her father, Mimi's dad. But Mimi did not mind as she was happy to be reunited with her family.

Children had learned lessons when Mimi's dad. It was appropriate for parents to speak them. Mimi said spanking was

not wrong as long as it didn't cause serious injury.

"I get spanked. But I don't want to know that Mimi is bad. She doesn't know because sometimes I don't listen to her but she doesn't speak me to the point that I get beaten at cannot stand up," said 6-year-old Mimi Majo.

'Thank you'

Majo said it was important for parents to know their children. But the children should also tell their parents what they feel, he added.

He stressed the importance of saying "I love you" as a healthy way of practicing love in the family.

"Say I love you now. Say I love you today. They forget this because tomorrow is never present. Say it now because you may not say it again tomorrow," he told the parents and children.

According to the content on the proposed Anti-Corporate Punishment Act published in 2010, physical punishment is ineffective in disciplining children of all ages. Physical or corporal punishment includes spanking, whipping, hitting with a stick, beating the child's ear, pulling the hair, slapping the face or head and confinement in a room.

"Physical punishment produces negative consequences among the experience and low self-esteem among children. It also teaches children that violence is an appropriate behavior and solution to problems, thus, corporal punishment perpetuates itself as children imitate actions of adults," the critics said.

Right to speak up

The publication was developed by the Philippine Legislative Commission on Human Rights and Development Foundation, Pinak International for the Child Rights network and ChildFund Philippines.

Majo said educating the young about their right to speak up is crucial in developing a society that listens to the voices of every sector.

"One day the day that children's voices are not heard. This (read-along) experience validates the work that children should be active participants in their lives should be so," Majo said.

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Painters nip Petron builds 1-0 buffer

By Hwangik, Corillo

KAN OLO BBWF gave Barangay Ginebra a big dose of its never-say-die medicine last night, scoring 92 fourth-quarter points before prevailing, 112-105, in overtime to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-three PH Philippine Cup quarterfinal series.

After losing just 31 first-half points and trailing by 17 with just over one minute left in regulation, the Black Painters rose under coach Paul Lee's fiery fourth-quarter jabber. Building the job to overtime was a pre-determined strategy at the Petron-Ginebra Coliseum.

"We were back from the jaws of hell," coach Lee said. "I told my players, 'I thought it was a lost game. I thought we were a lost game.'"

For a losing team, we played with a lot of guts in this game.

"I don't know what the probability is of clinching the series," added Lee. "But I am sure that it's more than 50 percent. Hopefully, we can win our away game because Ginebra is going to be tired, too."

The Painters' comeback came on the heels of Alvin Ginebra's impressive performance in the first game when he led Petron to a 71-64 victory of Manila for a 1-0 lead.

In Ginebra's response, the Painters held 21 points that went with 12 fourth-quarter scoring and had a lead of 10 at the end of the game.

The fourth period set the tone for the series.

With Ginebra's lead, the Ginebra with 25 points and 87 total led 18 to just 21 minutes before being held by the Painters.

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The key Ginebra completed was four-point deficit in overtime to build a 10-0 lead in the fourth period.

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PETRON—Alvin Ginebra scores the decisive layup in his team's victory in the first game of the series.

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Top: In a pre-determined strategy at the Petron-Ginebra Coliseum.

Bottom: Lee's fourth period strategy was to play the Painters on their terms.

Miñoza, Tabuena pace PH bid in Thailand

CHAMPAIGN, Thailand—Senior men's basketball players Miñoza and Tabuena paced the Philippines' bid to host the 2004 Asian Cup basketball tournament in the Philippines.

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CAPLAIN BOARDERS—Candidates for the 2004 World Cup basketball tournament are seen in a group photo.

Gomez battles Taiwan ace tonight

By Mark Anthony Reyes

ROBERTO Gomez shows center stage as he battles Taiwan's ace tonight in the Philippines' bid to host the 2004 Asian Cup basketball tournament.

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Lincicum, and the lack of Pinoy in Major League Baseball

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Moody's assigns 'stable' outlook on PH banks

By Mark A. Miller

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Anfloco to build ₱2.7-B container terminal in Davao

By Joseph R. Buallo
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—The Italian Group of Companies, which is owned by the Florencia family, announced that it would build a ₱2.7-billion international container terminal in Puerto City in Davao del Norte.

Antonio Florencia, Anfloco president and chief executive officer, said the company had reached a deal with Anfo, a Davao-based real estate developer, which will own the land and be the owner of the Puerto Development Corp., a joint venture also owned by Anfo.

"We are bullish that this project will trigger the economic development of

the region by relieving global trade through the construction of the modern container port facility," Florencia said in a statement emailed to the Inquirer on Thursday.

He said Anfloco planned to start operating the terminal by the first quarter of 2012 with construction scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2012.

"This project is seen to create huge economic zone of trade, safety, security and export resulting in better transportation of different goods, reliable supply in business for other goods, and the capacity to accommodate larger vessels due to its deep draft," Florencia said.

Anfloco projects that the container terminal will generate investments and more job opportunities, he said.

Meat traders in uproar over frozen meat seizure

By Rico T. Ochoaño

MSU traders are protesting what they called the "unwarranted confiscation" of imported livestock by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS).

The Meat Importers and Traders Association (MITA) said yesterday in a statement that the seized imported meat products, some cold, legally imported and should not be impounded from the wholesalers.

Over the past few days, NMIS confiscated 140 kilograms of pork at Cebu's main market and 400 kg of pork and chicken in Marikina market.

"Our impounded loads of perfectly good and wholesome food by the

Products legally imported, says association

light of its much larger annual consumption," the NMIS council said because the imported meat is imported in compliance with the law that a law has imposed to exterminate and a Quarantine endorsement. This is not the first time the NMIS has seized imported meat.

Meat traders also questioned why the NMIS chief Administrative Order

(AO) 20 was issued when the order was passed without public consultation.

AO, which was implemented on Dec. 12, 2010, outlines the handling and distribution of frozen and chilled meat within the sub-city.

In January 2011, MITA president Jose C. Ochoa questioned the issuance of the order and why local meat was not used and instead.

"We never believe why [AO] NMIS would order frozen meat to such extent without consultation and laws on the 10 percent local meat rule, which has a higher tariff imposed [AO] NMIS would require no national consultation," Ochoa said in a letter to Agriculture Secretary Francisco Duque.



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1. WATER CHARGE	Old Rate	New Rate	Old Rate	New Rate
A. BASIC CHARGE				
RESIDENTIAL			SEMI-RESIDENTIAL	
1. Low-income household consuming 10 cu. m. or less	₱ 53.95 /month	₱ 56.15 /month		
2. Consuming more than 10 cu. m.				
First 10 cu. m.	₱ 99.25 /month	₱ 97.00 /month	First 10 cu. m.	₱ 99.25 /month
Next 10 cu. m.	10.80 /month	11.94 /month	Next 10 cu. m.	10.80 /month
Next 20 cu. m.	20.80 /month	22.00 /month	Next 20 cu. m.	20.80 /month
Next 30 cu. m.	31.10 /month	29.92 /month	Next 30 cu. m.	31.10 /month
Next 40 cu. m.	31.70 /month	34.32 /month	Next 40 cu. m.	31.70 /month
Next 50 cu. m.	33.37 /month	36.40 /month	Next 50 cu. m.	33.37 /month
Next 60 cu. m.	34.75 /month	38.11 /month	Next 60 cu. m.	34.75 /month
Next 70 cu. m.	36.25 /month	39.15 /month	Next 70 cu. m.	36.25 /month
Next 80 cu. m.	37.75 /month	40.40 /month	Next 80 cu. m.	37.75 /month

2. BUSINESS GROUP 1	Old Rate	New Rate	2. BUSINESS GROUP 2	Old Rate	New Rate
First 10 cu. m.	₱ 603.62 /month	₱ 644.30 /month	First 10 cu. m.	₱ 638.88 /month	₱ 681.21 /month
Next 10 cu. m.	40.91 /month	44.54 /month	Next 10 cu. m.	44.10 /month	48.40 /month
Next 20 cu. m.	80.84 /month	84.79 /month	Next 20 cu. m.	84.40 /month	88.80 /month
Next 30 cu. m.	120.76 /month	124.92 /month	Next 30 cu. m.	124.14 /month	128.87 /month
Next 40 cu. m.	160.69 /month	164.90 /month	Next 40 cu. m.	164.08 /month	168.84 /month
Next 50 cu. m.	200.62 /month	204.82 /month	Next 50 cu. m.	204.06 /month	208.79 /month
Next 60 cu. m.	240.54 /month	244.74 /month	Next 60 cu. m.	244.00 /month	248.69 /month
Next 70 cu. m.	280.47 /month	284.65 /month	Next 70 cu. m.	283.92 /month	288.61 /month
Next 80 cu. m.	320.40 /month	324.58 /month	Next 80 cu. m.	323.84 /month	328.54 /month
Next 90 cu. m.	360.33 /month	364.51 /month	Next 90 cu. m.	363.76 /month	368.47 /month
Next 100 cu. m.	400.26 /month	404.44 /month	Next 100 cu. m.	403.68 /month	408.39 /month
Next 110 cu. m.	440.19 /month	444.37 /month	Next 110 cu. m.	443.60 /month	448.31 /month
Next 120 cu. m.	480.12 /month	484.35 /month	Next 120 cu. m.	483.52 /month	488.23 /month
Next 130 cu. m.	520.05 /month	524.33 /month	Next 130 cu. m.	523.44 /month	528.15 /month
Next 140 cu. m.	560.00 /month	564.31 /month	Next 140 cu. m.	563.36 /month	568.07 /month
Next 150 cu. m.	600.00 /month	604.29 /month	Next 150 cu. m.	603.28 /month	607.99 /month
Next 160 cu. m.	640.00 /month	644.27 /month	Next 160 cu. m.	643.20 /month	647.91 /month
Next 170 cu. m.	680.00 /month	684.25 /month	Next 170 cu. m.	683.12 /month	687.83 /month
Next 180 cu. m.	720.00 /month	724.23 /month	Next 180 cu. m.	723.04 /month	727.75 /month
Next 190 cu. m.	760.00 /month	764.21 /month	Next 190 cu. m.	762.96 /month	767.67 /month
Next 200 cu. m.	800.00 /month	804.19 /month	Next 200 cu. m.	802.88 /month	807.59 /month
Next 210 cu. m.	840.00 /month	844.17 /month	Next 210 cu. m.	842.80 /month	847.51 /month
Next 220 cu. m.	880.00 /month	884.15 /month	Next 220 cu. m.	882.72 /month	887.43 /month
Next 230 cu. m.	920.00 /month	924.13 /month	Next 230 cu. m.	922.64 /month	927.35 /month
Next 240 cu. m.	960.00 /month	964.11 /month	Next 240 cu. m.	962.56 /month	967.27 /month
Next 250 cu. m.	1000.00 /month	1004.09 /month	Next 250 cu. m.	1002.48 /month	1007.19 /month
Next 260 cu. m.	1040.00 /month	1044.07 /month	Next 260 cu. m.	1042.40 /month	1047.11 /month
Next 270 cu. m.	1080.00 /month	1084.05 /month	Next 270 cu. m.	1082.32 /month	1087.03 /month
Next 280 cu. m.	1120.00 /month	1124.03 /month	Next 280 cu. m.	1122.24 /month	1126.95 /month
Next 290 cu. m.	1160.00 /month	1164.01 /month	Next 290 cu. m.	1162.16 /month	1166.87 /month
Next 300 cu. m.	1200.00 /month	1204.00 /month	Next 300 cu. m.	1202.08 /month	1206.79 /month
Next 310 cu. m.	1240.00 /month	1243.98 /month	Next 310 cu. m.	1242.00 /month	1246.71 /month
Next 320 cu. m.	1280.00 /month	1283.96 /month	Next 320 cu. m.	1281.92 /month	1286.63 /month
Next 330 cu. m.	1320.00 /month	1323.94 /month	Next 330 cu. m.	1321.84 /month	1326.55 /month
Next 340 cu. m.	1360.00 /month	1363.92 /month	Next 340 cu. m.	1361.76 /month	1366.47 /month
Next 350 cu. m.	1400.00 /month	1403.90 /month	Next 350 cu. m.	1401.68 /month	1406.39 /month
Next 360 cu. m.	1440.00 /month	1443.88 /month	Next 360 cu. m.	1441.60 /month	1446.31 /month
Next 370 cu. m.	1480.00 /month	1483.86 /month	Next 370 cu. m.	1481.52 /month	1486.23 /month
Next 380 cu. m.	1520.00 /month	1523.84 /month	Next 380 cu. m.	1521.44 /month	1526.15 /month
Next 390 cu. m.	1560.00 /month	1563.82 /month	Next 390 cu. m.	1561.36 /month	1566.07 /month
Next 400 cu. m.	1600.00 /month	1603.80 /month	Next 400 cu. m.	1601.28 /month	1605.99 /month
Next 410 cu. m.	1640.00 /month	1643.78 /month	Next 410 cu. m.	1641.20 /month	1645.91 /month
Next 420 cu. m.	1680.00 /month	1683.76 /month	Next 420 cu. m.	1681.12 /month	1685.83 /month
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Next 460 cu. m.	1840.00 /month	1843.68 /month	Next 460 cu. m.	1840.80 /month	1845.51 /month
Next 470 cu. m.	1880.00 /month	1883.66 /month	Next 470 cu. m.	1880.72 /month	1885.43 /month
Next 480 cu. m.	1920.00 /month	1923.64 /month	Next 480 cu. m.	1920.64 /month	1925.35 /month
Next 490 cu. m.	1960.00 /month	1963.62 /month	Next 490 cu. m.	1960.56 /month	1965.27 /month
Next 500 cu. m.	2000.00 /month	2003.60 /month	Next 500 cu. m.	2000.48 /month	2005.19 /month

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6. MAINTENANCE SERVICE CHARGE

METER SIZE	AMOUNT (per month)	METER SIZE	AMOUNT (per month)	METER SIZE	AMOUNT (per month)
1/2" or 3/4"	₱ 1.00	1 1/2" or 2"	₱ 4.00	2" or 3"	₱ 20.00
3/4" or 1"	₱ 2.00	2" or 3"	₱ 6.00	3" or 4"	₱ 25.00
1" or 1 1/4"	₱ 3.00	3" or 4"	₱ 10.00	4" or 5"	₱ 30.00

7. VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) 12% of the Charges 1, 2 and 3

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BUSINESS

Ratings firm downgrades Goldman, 6 large banks

Asia stocks rise on positive US jobs data

Benchmark oil lingers below \$95 a barrel

ITIH ADVISES: The latest report of the credit rating agency downgraded Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank and five other large banks based in Europe and the United States as they're doing "increased challenges" to the financial markets.

Before long-term ratings on Barclays Plc and Credit Suisse AG in two countries in 11 from AA.

The agency cut by a notch its long-term ratings on Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank AG and Goldman Sachs Group.

The financial markets cut ratings the banks face "fresh from both economic developments as well as a period of regulatory changes," Fitch said in its announcement, issued shortly after equity markets began in New York.

In a separate announcement about the downgrade of Citigroup, Fitch cited "policy uncertainty" against using taxpayer money to support banks during crisis.

Fitch's action follows downgrades by Standard & Poor's of several major banks at the end of last month. Moody's also issued downgrades recently.

Fitch on Thursday also affirmed its long-term A ratings on JPMorgan Chase & Co., Morgan Stanley and UBS AG, as well as its 3+ rating on Deutsche Credit.



WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOM

A clerk carries stacks of 1,000-peso notes at a bank in Iloilo, Philippines. **CLARK** remains a common investment vehicle for Asian investors in the first 10 days of December as taking expectations that the currency would strengthen, the bank said.

RAMBER: Asian stocks rose Friday with improving US jobs and manufacturing data and the expected approval of a trade of an assembly plant intended to get the country's economy on track.

Benchmark oil lingered below \$95 per barrel while the dollar fell against the euro and the yen.

Asia's Nikkei 225 index rose 0.4 percent higher at 8,400.40. South Korea's KOSPI rose 0.5 percent to 1,657.64 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.5 percent to 18,197.25. Both stocks in Singapore, Taiwan and mainland China also rose.

Asian dollar debt of selling the peso, a recovery, as well as a light share of the liquidity. The Hong Kong overnight money market, one higher as a technical rebound, will likely be a catalyst as the market drops to the dollar.

The market dropped for the

straight days. There is a way that more credit for a technical rebound to the 10 job figures.

Later Friday, the Italian government will hold a national confidence vote in the lower house of parliament on a multi-billion-euro security package.

Despite widespread apprehension, the euro-area's upcoming bond markets for the country's own currency from the widening European debt crisis—expected to pass. The country's own rate on a portfolio of debt of over 1.4 trillion euros (12.9 trillion) which may spark a global economic recession if a default occurs.

London continued to rise after the US government reported that the number of people applying for unemployment benefits dropped sharply last week to 344,000, the lowest since May 2010.

That's a sign that layoffs are

ending a fast clip, instead bringing down the unemployment rate, which currently stands at 6.4 percent.

Traders were also encouraged by a report from the Federal Reserve of New York that its latest economic regional manufacturing jumped to the highest level since May. That was the most that economists were expecting. A similar report from the Philadelphia branch of the Fed also showed more than anticipated.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.4 percent to 11,860.81. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.3 percent to 1,215.76. The Nasdaq rose marginally to 2,341.61.

First bank of the American dollar rose up 10 cents to \$74.17 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.08 to \$73.07 per barrel on Friday on Thursday.

No country immune from crisis, IMF chief warns

WASHINGTON: No country is immune from an "escalating" euro-zone crisis and each must act to head off the risk of a global depression, the head of the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday.

IMF managing director Christine Lagarde, speaking at the US State Department, said the outlook for the world economy is "quite gloomy" and warned that failure to act collectively could lead to a global depression.

Looking at the crisis in the euro-zone, she said, "There is no country in the world, whether it be Germany, France, or the United States, that is immune from the risk of a global depression."

"It is not a crisis that will be resolved by one group of countries taking action. It is going to be hopefully resolved by all countries, all regions, all continents of the world actually taking action."

The IMF has warned that it is likely to cut its 2012 growth predictions, with the economy struggling with a recession two-year euro zone debt crisis and sluggish US growth. There are also signs from falling Chinese factory output and manufacturing on struggling with slowing global demand and tighter credit conditions.

European leaders last week agreed to lend up to 200 billion euros (\$270 billion) to the IMF to help struggling euro-zone economies and to help European countries with the debt crisis.

The IMF is currently in talks with member countries on providing additional resources to the fund.

Lagarde said global economic leaders were working to take a holistic approach toward addressing systemic weaknesses, such as those uncovered by the crisis, and to head off a global crisis.

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THE POOLSIDE took the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level. As seen with the couple, the resort's eco-friendly ethos is a key selling point.



OWNERS David and Susan have been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level.

Salvaged wood, natural air circulation, and organic toiletries are among the attractions at Cocoon Hotel that have guests coming back.



LOBBY from the east side and takes in the hotel's eco-friendly ethos.

For the country's first green hotel, sustainability makes good business

By Marge C. Enriquez
Green Staff

SUSTAINABILITY is more than just a buzzword. It's a way of life. At the Cocoon Hotel in Quezon City, the eco-friendly ethos is a key selling point. The hotel's owners, David and Susan, have been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level.

Cocoon Hotel offers a different kind of luxury that is sustainable. Distinguishing itself as an urban "green" hotel, it is a sustainable eco-luxury hotel, and off from the city, Cocoon Hotel is a new and refreshing experience. It is a hotel that is made of natural and recycled materials, including salvaged wood, paint and metals, wood, waste car cushions, and sustainable fabrics.

The concept, double-glazed glass windows and all-wood interiors. The result is a sustainable hotel with a touch of wood, more than any other hotel in the country. The roof hatch also provides the best in hotel views. It helps that the pool and the spa provide additional views to the hotel.

Cocoon is following the sustainable trend, which leads to implementing green practices such as energy conservation and reducing hotel chemicals. The hotel was opened this year by a couple who want to do for the very highest of all, a family place. The hotel's owners have been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level.

"We thought it was the only of the time when with the effects of climate change, global warming and super typhoons," says Regina (aka Susan), president and general manager of Cocoon Hotel Property Management Corp., which owns Cocoon Hotel. "It's time to go back to having a business that is totally relevant by being green."

The hotel's owners, David, the vice president and managing director, have been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level. The hotel is 10 per cent green.

Metamorphosis

McManis reveals that when they entered the Department of Trade and Industry, the hotel's owners had been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level. "That is the only one in the hotel business," she says.

For David, the hotel is a way of life. The hotel's owners, David, the vice president and managing director, have been the hotel's eco-friendly ethos to the next level. The hotel is 10 per cent green.

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SEARCHED: owners claim the Cocoon Hotel is the country's first green hotel because of its eco-friendly ethos and quality service.

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Taal's genteel old houses are surviving with grace

I felt a deep sense of gratitude seeing the product of the sacrifice of the people of Taal, descendants of those who had migrated here to rebuild their lives



Lisa Perez's Casa Tormenta

By Leo Manila
Coordinator

MANY are unaware that Taal is the name of a genteel town filled with heritage architecture. Many people confuse it with Tagaytay. I guess it has to do with that magnificent view.

Motivated by the sapphire mist of water and its copper-pane rooftops, many look at the City on the Ridge instead of the former capital of Batangas province, after which the lake itself is named.

In the 16th century, Taal actually stood right in the storm of its name. A map I was recently given by the visiting director of the Mexican legation, Dr. Rosa Dolores Galvanista (who came to Manila courtesy of her embassy), revealed major settlements on the water's edge where there are none today.

Apparently, the hurricane commission had been erasing the contemporary cultural footprint of the typhoon victims for decades. The remnants of 1734 were an anachronism, however, that the people finally gave up and moved away.

The town of Taal prospered in a two-stop economy, which had been a far-flung trade. One can just imagine what trade routes must have existed. It would have been a day dictated by the clock of air crossing the sea. In the distance was a glowing column of fire spewing from the volcano, beautiful harbingers of death.

This vertiginous journey through a black sky is actually recorded in the words which accompany the ballad, a traditional dance the Batangasites perform on special days.

Despite the dangers, the Taal folk pressed on, leaving the sailing students to seek a safer place for some time.

I consider myself fortunate because I have had a chance to witness how this life eventually flourished. As a boy, I had the pleasure of having been invited on special weekends with the vibrant members of the Lucifert Family, who are well-known citizens of Taal.

Fiesta time

One of the Lucifert ladies, Mrs. Herminia L. Alarcon, is the mother of Tony, a champion of mine. The yellow sun is the

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SHOES

Taal's genteel old houses are surviving with grace

By David Tan
 Photo by David Tan

THE HISTORIC TAAL ISLAND, a small, lush, green island in the heart of Manila Bay, is home to a collection of old houses that have survived for over a century.

The houses are built in a traditional style, with white walls and tiled roofs. They are surrounded by lush greenery and a few palm trees.

The houses are built on stilts, which is a traditional way of building houses in the area. This allows the houses to be built on the water, and it also allows them to be moved if needed.

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Private jacuzzi, iPhone app, nonallergenic pillows among the firsts at Discovery Shores



Discovery Shores, a new resort in the Philippines, is the first to offer a private jacuzzi, an iPhone app, and nonallergenic pillows. The resort is located on a beautiful beach and offers a variety of amenities, including a private jacuzzi, an iPhone app, and nonallergenic pillows.

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Only 2 hours away from Malapascua, Palompon has Leyte's 'hidden gem'

Palompon is a small town in the northern part of Leyte, Philippines. It is known for its beautiful white sand beach and clear blue water.

The town is located on a peninsula, and the beach is one of the main attractions. The water is very clear, and the sand is white and soft.

There are many small businesses and restaurants in the town, and the atmosphere is very relaxed. It is a great place to visit if you are looking for a quiet getaway.

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Two grand countdown parties at Acacia Hotel Manila

THE NEWEST five-star luxury hotel in Philippines Corporate City, Alabang, Acacia Hotel Manila, is all set on Dec. 11 with two grand countdown parties, a special room package, plus fireworks display at the stroke of 12 midnight.

Believe 2011 at the Grand Acacia Ballroom with Flamingo Live Band, True Faith and the Group in the "Hallelujah to the Year"

party as they sing cheer-toppers from the 70s up to today. Enjoy a live concert band composed of four solid rockers, guitarists, pianists, violinists and guest star DJ. Luscious Lobster Consommé, fresh lobster and green seafood, Deep-frozen, Roast Roasted Chicken with mushroom peas, crunchy mussels, asparagus and bell peppers, and Christmas Tree (red-bell pepper, orange and vanilla cream, grapes), with a complimentary glass of champagne to toast 2011.

Tickets are priced at P1,800 net per person only. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

The Eve lobby begins in the lunch. The lobby at Acacia, will hold a one of a kind New Year's Eve Party dubbed "Acacia 2011: A Countdown Party at The Lobby" Celebrate night at The Lobby is two of the country's most talented Eds, DJ Room and DJ Randy J, spin the hottest beats. Sumptuous live shows and complimentary up five rounds of standard alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks are inclusive to the tickets.



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BEHOLD the first ever New Year's Eve lobby party in the South of the Main with DJ Room and DJ Randy J.

priced at P1800 net per person. Party starts at 6:30 p.m.

For those who want to enjoy a luxury dinner buffet, Acacia Hotel Manila offers a New Year's Eve dinner buffet at Acacia Ballroom with one round of standard drinks, plus access with access to the "Acacia 2011: A Countdown Party at The Lobby" (includes of live shows and five rounds of standard alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks). The special package called Celebrating at Acacia, costs P1,800 net.

For those complete and total celebration, experience the comfort of staying at Acacia Hotel Manila by staying at the New Year's Eve dinner buffet at Acacia Ballroom with one round of standard drinks, plus access with access to the "Acacia 2011: A Countdown Party at The Lobby" (includes of live shows and five rounds of standard alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks). The special package called Celebrating at Acacia, costs P1,800 net.

All tickets may be purchased in advance at the Concierge desk. For more information, please call 7902000 or 1800-8888. Like them on Facebook (Acacia Hotel Manila) or follow them on Twitter (@AcaciaHotel).

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SO GOOD



Feeling like you? Here's how to get out of the Christmas blues
show you the different ways you can feel out of the Christmas blues

Crime Christmas Wish: THE BEST PLANNER FOR 2012

A new year is a time to start fresh, and what better way to do that than with a new planner? The Best Planner for 2012 is a comprehensive guide to help you stay on top of your life. It includes a calendar, a to-do list, and a section for your thoughts and feelings. The planner is designed to be both functional and beautiful, with a cover that features a collage of images. The text inside the planner is written in a clear, easy-to-read font, and the layout is clean and organized. The planner is a great gift for anyone who needs a little extra help to stay on top of their life.

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BEAUTY GIFT SETS AT SM

Beauty is truly skin deep, and starts with a good skin care routine; as well as bath and body products that will enhance your skin and give it a youthful, radiant glow. This Christmas, pamper yourself and your loved ones with a gift of beauty from SM.

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Find more gift ideas at the Beauty Section of SM Department Stores and at Watsons stores nationwide.



GIFT SETS UNDER P1000

Clay Age-Derlying Beauty Duo includes Total Effect 2 in 1 Day Cream with SPF 15 and Age-Derlying Moisturizing Lotion (P699.00)



Pond's Age Miracle with advanced GUM Complex to fight signs of aging. Gift set includes Overnight Repair Dream Night Cream and face mask (P649.00)



GIFT SETS UNDER P500

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The perfect present-ation



Prep work

Use adult, self-sealing wrapping tape (see below) that even comes in a roll of 100 feet.

Think of a color scheme. Everyone gets a different color of wrapping paper and ribbon. To complement the theme.

Your paper is your canvas. It's your chance to keep your wrapping paper in place when it's

done. patterns. Use every three overlapping pieces to let your ribbon make a neat edge.

Decorate, complement, contrast. Use ribbon to combine colors with gold or blue with silver. Use black wrapping paper to look better if paired with the right shade of red and green and gold.

Choose the right ribbon. Only two ribbons with a matte look better, while ribbons

decorated only with one color to look like a ribbon.

Only two ribbons are best: a ribbon that's not too wide, and a ribbon that's not too long. Use the ribbon together for a special touch.

Use secret support. To make your wrapped present look good, hide the top of the gift in a box. Use a box to hold the gift in place. Use a box to hold the gift in place.

Wrapping a basic box:



1 Prepare the materials: you'll need wrapping paper, ribbon, tape, scissors, and a glue gun.



2 Measure your box against wrapping paper. Cut to size (leave an allowance equal to at least 2-4 of your box).



3 Sealing wrapping paper to the box with tape.



4 Seal the edges with a glue gun.



5 Tape the edges with tape.



6 Cut the ribbon to size, a good alternative is to use a ribbon sealer.



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8 Wrap the ribbon around the box vertically then horizontally to cross.



9 Tie the ribbon in a knot to secure the style.



10 Cut the ribbon.



11 Use the ribbon as an added filler to your ribbon loop that may and over and over the ribbon with your ribbon to create a new look. Use the ribbon as an added filler to your ribbon loop that may and over and over the ribbon with your ribbon to create a new look.



12 Repeat the steps to create a flower shape.



13 Tie the ribbon.



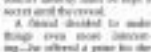
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Furoshiki method: A green alternative

While most people go to much effort to wrap their presents, there are some who are naturally against the practice because of their concern for the environment. It's not always in keeping with the green, so-called Furoshiki method.

This method is perfect for eco-conscious people, as well as those who have to take to work, paper and money. The method is simple and easy to learn, and it's a great way to keep your presents safe and secure.

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Wrapped up

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Free wheeling

Ceramicist Xavier Mañosa talks about freedom from rules, and learning the 'art' from his father

An older ceramicist sits in front of a pottery wheel, slams down a small block of clay and starts to mold it. As the wheel spins he points his finger through the top, effortlessly following out the beginnings of a vase.

With his hands on the spinning clay, it almost appears like a human body is being shaped for the first time. His grown

son watches carefully. He is eager to follow, but his hands are reluctant and awkward. He sits between confusion and hope as he begins to shape the clay.

Each new step of the mold on the wheel presents the possibility of getting it right, but his son's clumsy fingers seem to keep the clay from cooperating. The wheel begins to rotate these awkwardly—and before he knows it, the clay is on the wall, where it smashes and shatters. He sits there, looking at the mess.

By: Maria Casan

CERAMICIST
Xavier Mañosa



Your Super gig guide for 2012

From concerts to wrestling and theater, you're going to buy a lot of tickets

By Angela V. Ispasovic
Contributor

OKAY, so January is when the controversial two made peace and, God bless, isn't involving your legal issues anymore. But without a hefty talent fee and an arena-sized venue to play to, the dashed hopes and impending lawsuits will be irrelevant to look forward to in 2012. Actually, "a lot" is an understatement.

January looks off as even-packed

2012 with all-punk, indie pop, and theater; meanwhile, writers will defend in the months of January as more pop, garage, indie rock, metal and more long live, you read that right will find your gig elsewhere for the whole of February.

This barely gives you enough time to breathe and recover from the staggering expenses for the rest of your childhood pop festival, in late March, just as much this is just for the first

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Laranas goes from fizzle to sizzle

By Kiko P. Roldan

A DIRECTOR is only as good as his last—so far, this John R. Torres, whose "Pulang" (2010) was a solid indie film and took out of the box, with the release of "The Road," he goes from fizzle to sizzle—and gets his filmmaking muscle back. Laranas' last cinematic effort is a mix of sublimated horror that runs its course over a 20-year period. These seemingly unconnected crime stories lead to a shocking police investigation. Late Manila (72) (Dolby), to find out who and what that little by done and how they fit in the picture.

The three-pronged mystery begins to unravel when three women, Ella, Rita and Maria (Dolby), return. David (Dolby) and Lani (Dolby) discover a dark and twisted world in the road to the middle of the night. But, with time to explore when strange occurrences start appearing—and this being the director's first film.

Stranger

In the second episode, Maria (Dolby) and Lani (Dolby) discover a dark and twisted world in the road to the middle of the night. But, with time to explore when strange occurrences start appearing—and this being the director's first film.

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Despite its choice of story and tone, Laranas is a "political" film. It's not in the middle of the road in its subject matter, but it is in its style. The film has a strong political message, and it's not in the middle of the road in its subject matter, but it is in its style.

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BEYES: One with a strong sense of humor.

Performances of the week

By Kiko P. Roldan

LAST MONTH, a new genre of movie arrived in "The Road" (2010) that inspired an entire generation of film fans. Last Saturday, the best performance on the scene was both found in the film's story and in the director's first film.

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Younger generations such as the English Indian community, the Malabar Church and the Anglican community have been the most vocal in their support for the Mambay Bay area. The Mambay Bay area is a small area of land, but it is a very important area. It is a very important area for the community. It is a very important area for the community. It is a very important area for the community.

The hotel's all-day dining restaurant, aptly named the World, offers local flavors and international cuisine. A comfortable set of rooms of Filipino, Thai, Chinese and Mediterranean influences are served at a lovely restaurant. The food, including restaurant and lounge, Ginger and Lime, is superb. The entire hotel is a marvelous selection of local dishes and international-classy served/look at home and indoors. The two-story building

There is one extensive swimming pool located on the hotel rooftop complex with its own dedicated snack bar and lounge bar with views over the city. The hotel also offers a fully equipped fitness center, laundry, dry cleaning, business center, car rental and babysitting services available upon request.

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A large, colorful collage of various restaurant logos and signs, arranged in a grid-like fashion. The logos include McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, and many others, each with its own unique branding and colors. The collage is set against a dark background, making the logos stand out.

From quantity to quality

By Hector E. Torres

NO SOONER had our plans on uninvited kind TV news personalities come out than the "breaking news" is just now made on the "Today" show that Perez Hilton had signed a judge on "America's Got Talent." His reason for getting that popular show? He is really talented; that he was something himself "to death." Aside from the top talent, he was doing a daily news show on the CBS, had two other shows on E! and—his wife was about to give birth.

It was that last "producer" that it really made things happen. His work became "America's Got Talent" judge. When asked about his decision, he replied, "I'm not doing it."

That's it. We rate that the celebrity news show on last TV will be the widest to Magpie's decision and

where their own article is relative in their work, but quality to quality.

Subject attack

TV news can reduce and reduce their current outlook to other news. In the field of commentary news, so-called news analysts and opinion-makers are to keep in mind to come up with not-so-true and not-so-true on public officials and law enforcement, but any too-far from the truth on parts of their work, like research, verification of "facts," and not believing like gossamer, judge and jury, all told up to the wire.

The game they play is all too clear. One report to personal attack on figures of authority to tug on themselves with the news, but their hidden agenda is a conspiracy of power tripping and self-aggrandizement. They want to "bust" attacks that put their pro-



MORGAN There's evidence in his decision to get "America's Got Talent."

stantly guilty target on the defendant. —As much for self-proclaimed victims of justice and defenders of the oppressed.

Celebrity hosts

Other TV personalities who should rethink their practices and questionable practices are the celebrity hosts of shows like current talk shows. In the first place, celebrities who make a

living on television are spreading gossip about other stars and stars in a loud advertisement and attention that isn't based on what other stars are TV programming.

It is because people show hosts because their popularity makes them their showbiz—like, at what cost? Thinking less than their wanted celebrity is compromised.

At last, they're here to satisfy whoever about other star's life of emotion and connection, but when it's their own dirty laundry or that of their friends, that's being leaked, they're only "satisfied" from exposure and criticism. —How can hosts be so open?

In the first place, most should be best group shows, because it's a basic communication in terms of motivation and intention. But, if celebrities have to "do group," the best they can do is to get a taste of their own medicine and not forget themselves and a reward from the pain and shame of group. —If you can't take the heat, get out of the dirty kitchen.



LOBAN Responsible for her actions.

Loban says she's learned from mistakes

LOBAN LIES—Lindsay Loban, who lost her interview after being sent to jail last month for a production related with Playboy that she has learned to be acceptable for her mistakes.

The "Mean Girls" star told the magazine in an interview accompanying her 70-page book pictured that during the past few years, she's come to understand "that ultimately, my responsibility for mistakes and my actions."

Magpie's founder, Hugh Downs, has and to achieve the dream of the highly anticipated series—in which, a female lobster chef in a red, Mary McCormack's latest HBO Playboy book to appear in part, because photos were leaked online.

Newsstand

The Loban team for Playboy's website on Saturday and the magazine lands on newsstands on Dec. 16, six days after Loban's scheduled interview on CBS' "60 Minutes" during TV talk shows Europe of the Playboy team were released online.

The former child star, whose career has suffered in recent years, following accusations that she had sex with a minor and that, told Playboy she would have done things differently to her recent years of trouble.

"Looking back, I probably wouldn't have been so open about the people I admire," Loban stated. "My children, now at 18 and in the way, the adult, during the past few years, I've learned that time flies faster than you think, and because you only live once, you have to learn from your mistakes, live your dreams...and be successful." *Amber*

Performances...

More pages

shared between and building.

Magpie's good during the "MAG" episode prove that the industry's desire to give a chance to readers himself after the scandal has been involved in years ago was a very rare move. No one else has the will and local show to be "forgive" after a devastating event, because we really do need all the real talent we can get.

Magpie was not in the "Saturday" slot of Magpie's last final performance, but her musical, life and forward progress made the part an important one, actually much more than the "should be in my" that some other actresses might have found clear portrayal.

It was not surprising to watch the two star actresses in each other together—the "forgive" artistic direction, the mutual understanding, and the way they look made their scenes full of a moving, often very different, indeed from some other performers' from competitors and clear intention to explore each other.

Similarly, we heard the quiet but intense performance, joined by the actor who played Magpie's husband. Unfortunately, the actor cast as Magpie's spouse was unable to reach the reporter thespian they had set, 1981, into scene, but actor—indeed!

Christmas series

Other TV personalities this past week: When we first wrote about the Christmas series, "How to Hug Big," we said the fact that Magpie's Christmas was more only one, in a series where she helped Douglas's character give birth, but was never heard from again.

We hoped special hope that she would appear before the series ended, and, what do you know, it really was for Christmas. Because last week, we gave you a hint: That's right, this was brought back to help us up some of the more best ends, and make it possible for Douglas to finally realize that his acting baby has just grown up to become (Julia Annalisa's "real" actress —Thanks, TV stars, for the wish fulfilled).

More recently, we saw Douglas come up with another hit program in "Hug Big" in the series in which she was featured. It seemed her last for "Hug Big" might just possibly be able.

Douglas' reaction to the first hugger series, which had in years was truly touching. —So, her consistent on-air work on her shows makes her the TV performer of the week!

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Mixed bag of tricks and treats from Amy Winehouse, Michael Jackson

By Nita F. Ruiz

AMY WINEHOUSE'S 12-track posthumous recording, "Lioness: Hidden Treasures," is a mixed bag of tricks and treats that interweaves reworked soul and jazz standards with the songstress' bluesy, self-penned numbers.

WINEHOUSE
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style

AMY WINEHOUSE
LIONESS:
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The single around the edges feel of the album, which debuted at No. 1 on UK's album chart, probably won't sit well with its masses who like their tunes polished and meticulously played, but Winehouse's idiosyncratic conditions take the tedious out of covered (or duet) material, as the heady and "groovy" duet between "A Knight for You."

Lonely cover

There's more straightforward singing (and less shouting) in the reggae-infused "One Day Will Come," and Amy's cup of the ocean's style beautifully complements Tony Bennett's knack for improvisation in their cover of "Body and Soul." Another treat is the duet cover of Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Val de Janeiro," which benefits from previous vocalists' leads.

Winehouse channels an older style in the jazz "Mid Time," and similarly in the slowly waltzed-down version of "Voodoo Love." Another "back to black" track that gets a down-down rendering is "Guns On Fire," which will remind you of The Rolling Stones' 1986 classic, "Ain't No Gonna Love You Back." Then, hip-hop covers the blues in "Take Me Home," the British singer's collaboration with rapper Jay-Z.

If you're looking for a healthy serving of Winehouse's distinctive, soulful, reggae, you'll find it in "Winehouse the Classics," which proves the (re)covered songstress "Winehouse" is her husband, Mike Pritchard. "I would be better if there you'd take a thousand dollars for my love." "Come you think a lady because I think it is my being place."

Alternate versions

The season's other notable posthumous compilation, Michael Jackson's "Immortal," has a more celebratory lineup, powered by genre-bending mashups, reworked remakes, and alternate versions of the King of Pop's biggest hits.

The fully reimagined—whose standard and deluxe editions feature 20 and 27 cuts, respectively—arrives as the soundtrack of Unique's label's launch, hip-hop's production, "Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour." The collection doesn't really add much to the singer's rich discography, but it's hard to resist the magical hooks in stronger company up to the album's standard reissues.

Notable aside: "The Immortal Medley" is a vibrant fusion of his dance hits, like "Can You Feel It," "Thriller," "Billie Jean," and "Black or White." "Then, 'The Jackson 5 Medley' will remind you of Michael's impossible wit and the diversity of his music, while the moving 'Dancing Queen Medley' returns the singer's Motown roots.

Divided by 20 top-notch choreographers, Unique's label's latest series show Jackson more than 20 dance-driven production numbers that feature hip-hop and dance, soulful, martial arts, sports, satire and occasional acts, all strung together around Jackson's musical career.



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SATURDAY Special

Too many big films crowd Yuletide box office



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: "WAR HORSE," "BIRDS OF PREY," "THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN," "THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TAIL" AND "WE BOUGHT A DOG." Are there enough movies for all of them?

LOS ANGELES—Moviegoers will have a lot to choose from under the big box office this Christmas holiday—in fact, they might even have too many choices.

With this week's release of "Monument Men" (an unprecedented number of big studio films will be coming into the domestic box office in the same time).

From Dec. 16 through Christmas Day, eight films will be released wide, including two by Steven Spielberg, while about half a dozen specialty films will either enter the market or expand their footprint.

Revenue

The major studios will be packing in their respective films at a time when box office has been weak without office revenue down a percent year-to-year and attendance plunging 2 percent, according to Hollywood.com's Paul Dargatzis.

This weekend, the box office had its worst performance since September 2009, but despite the gloom, it was enough to make for a choice for all of those "It's a crowded marketplace," said Mike Weiss, president of distribution for Universal Pictures. "We're not sure what the market can bear."

"We want more to study market going at

the same weekend—only another director, Tom Hanks, told TheWrap, "Sometimes, there's too much of a good thing, but it's not a bad thing, it's just a lot of choices."

Overdubs

The box office will go into overdrive starting Dec. 21, with the opening of Spielberg's "The Adventures of Tintin," "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and "We Bought a Zoo." This holiday season will be postponed on

Christmas Day, when DreamWorks opens another Spielberg movie, "The Irony."

Samuel is also opening the mid-40s film, "The End of the World," that same week. And, the release of anticipated wide dramas, "Johnny Lingo & the Incredible Crew" and "The World's End" will only crowd the market further.

With the domestic market currently losing at around \$7.50 billion, the Hollywood will have to grow an additional \$1 billion in the next few weeks just to match the \$10.57 billion it took to last year. Reuters

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Five for the singing tilt finals



COWELL, Behaving like a hero.

By Noreen G. Torres

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The "X-Factor" finale was particularly tough, because the contestants' competition was not only part of the evening's live broadcast, but also a live broadcast. The 10th anniversary party and concert were also in full competition, putting their hard-earned spots on the line as they fought to make sure that their personal bids would survive for at least one more week.

At the original group of 12 finalists were

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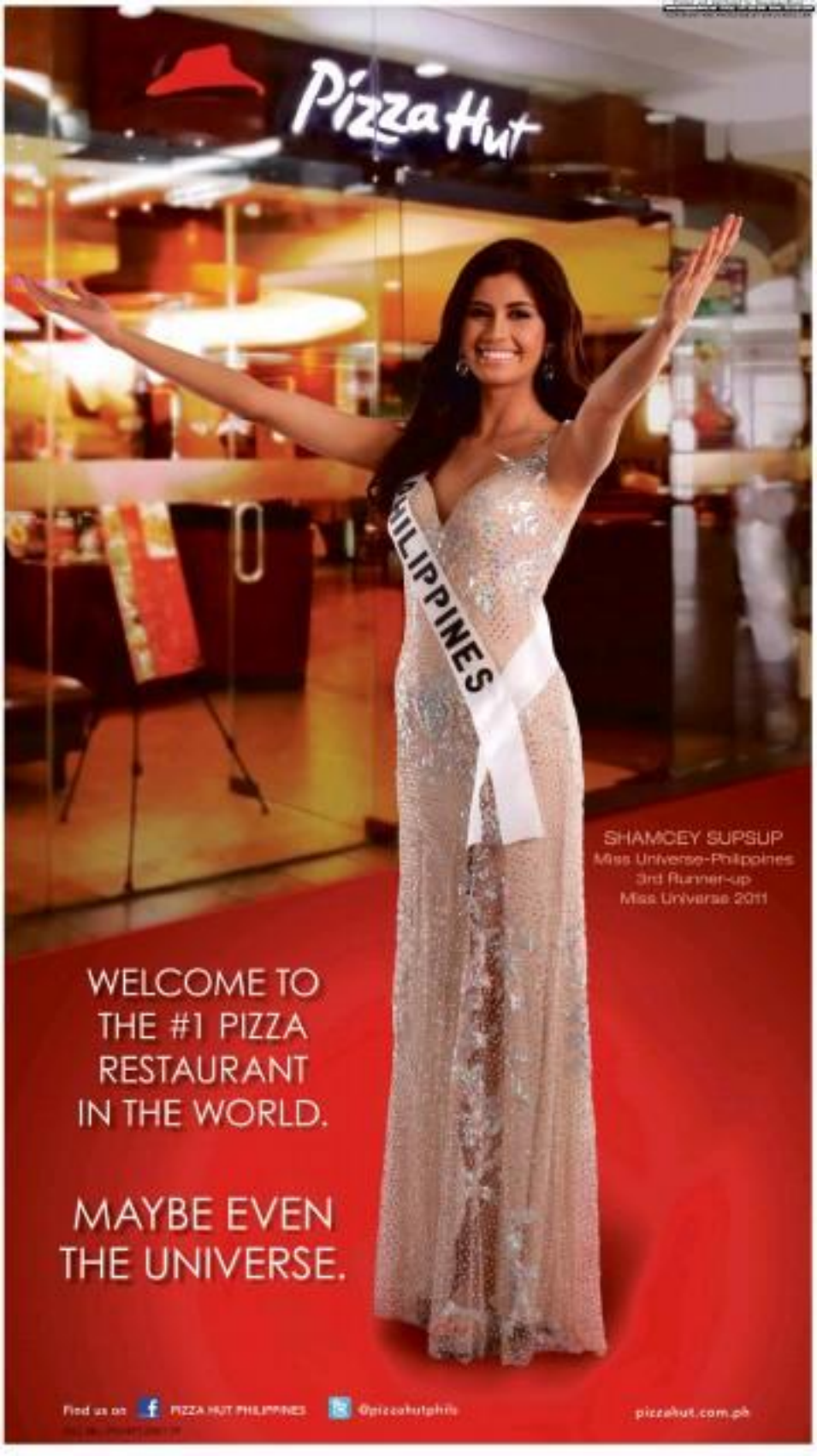


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